

REMARKS

Support for new claim 24 can be found, for example, in original claim 23. Support for new claim 25 can be found, for example, in original claim 1. Support for new claim 26 can be found, for example, in original claim 4. No new matter has been added.

Restriction /Election

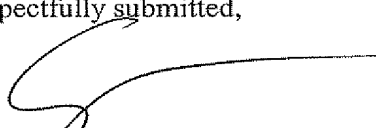
In response to the Office Action mailed on 14 March 2008, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18.

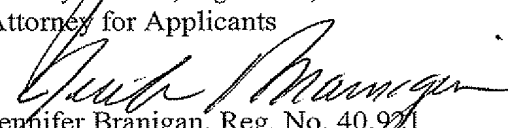
The election is with traverse. The traversal is on the grounds that the patent office has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the claimed invention. The Group II claims depend from and require all the limitations of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

With regard to the election of a single species, Applicant elects the imidazolium salt of Example 1 (i.e., 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethyl)imide).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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